ROADS—TRIPPUNITTURA—CONSTRUCTION OF.

96. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the construction of the new road connecting the High School Road and the Hill Palace Road in Trippunittura, was started;

(2) what is the distance of the road;

(3) the progress so far made in the construction?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (1) The construction of a portion of the road was taken up on 14th Karkadagam 1109 and completed on 32nd Karkadagam 1109 and another portion on 28th Edavam 1110 and finished on 15th Karkadagam 1110.

(2) & (3) The distance of the road, when completed, will be 1 furlong and 40 yards. A length of 175 yards has been completed. Sites for the remaining portion have to be acquired for completing the whole length of the road.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Does the road lead anywhere now?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. It leads nowhere.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): When does the Government propose to complete the work?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is the first work next year. I admit that out of 1 furlong 40 yards, to complete 175 yards and leave 80 yards will be rather improper.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Was not the question of acquisition considered before the construction of the road was begun?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): When there was a balance of fund, they began the work. After some time it was found that the site has to be acquired. I may assure my hon'ble friend that the road will be completed next year.

AVENUE TREES—PLANTING OF—EXPENDITURE ON.

97. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how long is it since avenue trees were begun to be planted up in Vellarappilly by the Agricultural Department;

(2) how many such trees have so far been successfully planted up;

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(3) the total expenditurei ncurred for this purpose inclusive of the wages of the weeding coolies, and the average cost of a tree, to the end of 1113?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(1) Planting was first started in Mithunam 1099.

(2) 1,450 trees.

(3) There is no record to show road-war expenditure. There is also no weeding cooly for each road. There are only 2 coolies for the whole Taluk.

The cost of planting a tree would come to roughly 6 annas in the 1st year including caging, manure, etc. For renewing, fencing and for other items of expenditure for 4 more years, the average cost per plant may come to 0—4—6 per year. The total cost of a plant for five years will be thus Rs. 1—8—0.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): May I know, Sir, who is the immediate superior of the avenue maistry?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice. Most probably the Agricultural Inspector. But I am subject to correction. I shall furnish the information.

GUN LICENSES—ISSUE OF.

98. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many gun licenses are issued each year for the last three years in the State;

(2) what are the nature of the guns that are licensed (M. L., D. B., Pistol, Revolver, etc.);

(3) what is the income to the State by issuing the licenses;

(4) what is the occupation of the people in the majority of cases who hold these fire-arms;

(5) what is the object for which they keep these arms;

(6) what are the fees for the several kinds of arms;

(7) had there been any case of misfeasance or malfeasance by the holders of these licenses for the last two years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) The number of gun licenses issued during the last three years is 3,031 in 1111; 2,996 in 1112 and 2,985 in 1113.

(2) The nature of guns for which licenses were issued for the last three years is as follows:—

In 1111,	Breach-loading guns	152
	Revolvers or pistols	28 and
	Muzzle-loading guns	2,851

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